

A Survey of the Blue Demon (U.S. F1)

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My collection of F1s is perhaps the most interesting part of my rather large U.S. collection. Bob Schwerdt and I have been vying for years to obtain perfin in these stamps. I recently made a survey of these members who I knew had such items and, after contacting 14 people, worked up this survey report.



The registration stamp (F1) was short lived, having been released on Dec. 1, 1911, and abolished on May 29, 1913. I find no quantities-issued listed, but surely a stamp that could be used only for registration and in use for less than 18 months would

leave few remaining used copies, especially when perfinned.

My survey indicates that 56 different perfin designs have shown up on the F1s. Only 113 stamps and 9 covers have been reported. The largest single collection includes 21 stamps and 2 covers. Quantities then go down to a single stamp and a single cover. The quantity of stamps known in members collections runs from 9 stamps (pat. O75) to a single stamp (many pats.) Surprisingly, there are only two duplicate copies known in a single member's collection.

I am very interested in adding any information about these stamps that members may have, and I intend to revise the listing as such items come to my attention. I, and others, am interested in obtaining F1s and are willing to discuss purchase.

Any further information will be greatly appreciated:
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Cat. #	Des.	Cnt.	Cat. #	Des.	Cnt.	Cat. #	Des.	Cnt.
A22	AAM	1C	F146	FOX	2	P139	PM/Co	1C
A40	AB/CO	1	F148	FOX	6	P150	PNB	1
A166	ALC	1	G23	GAI/CO	2	R130	RS/Co	1
A284	AXB/NY	3	G49	GCB	1	R141	RW	1
B29	BA/&CO	2	G81	GFE	1	R170	R&R	2
B45	Circle(BB)	1	G172A	GT	7	S61	SB/&L	1
B120	BFG/Co	1	H64	H-E/DCo	1	S70	SCC(o)	2
C134	[CF](o)	2	I82	IRC(O)	1	S180	SM/CO	4
C198	CM/CO	1	J166.5	JWJ	1	S214	SP	1
C347	CT/Co	3	K48	KNK	6 + 1C	S284	STL/SW	1 + 2C
C356.10	CUD/AHY	3	L125	LNB	1	S301	SVW	1C
C376	CW/S	1	M204	MP/Co	1	U44	UNB	1
C416	C(2)	1	M295	M&K	3	U82.1	US/MC	4
D3	D	4	N7	Circle(N)	1	U91	U(S/S)	1
D95	DR/Co	1	N53	NCR	8	W12	Flag(W)	2
D129	DU/PONT	3	N113B-6	NLY	1	W80	W/EM	3 + 1C
E20	E/Co	3	O75	(O)T(C)	9	W216	W&JS	1
F73	FF	1	O100	O&B	1 + 1C	Des. 14	Colophon	1C
F110	FLM	4	P67	PE	1	Num. 23	(32) Shield	1